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METAL COMPOUNDS

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on May 1, 2008.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §121, between Group I, claims 1-40 and 45-63, drawn to a method and Group II, claims 41-44, drawn to an apparatus. Applicant elects the Group I claims, claims 1-40 and 45-63. However, the Applicant makes the election with transverse. The Applicant does not believe it would be an undue burden to examine the claims in full. The Applicant does believe the claims share a single inventive concept which is mixing products with additional aluminum, if necessary, and heating the mixture to cause a reaction and create a metal compound. Moreover, the reference, Timm (U.S. 3,301,665), which is cited by the Examiner does not include the mixing of products with additional aluminum to create a mixture and heating the mixture to cause a reaction and create a metal compound, which the Applicant considers is the single inventive concept in the claims.